| Year | Total number of persons killed in Delhi | Total number of persons killed while alighting/boarding the buses or who fell off the foot-boards | %age of persons killed travelling on foot-boards, alighting/boarding. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1984 | 229 | 35 | 15% |
| 1985 | 239 | 36 | 15% |
| 1986 | 189 | 32 | 17% |

There is no separate record maintained in respect of persons who got crushed while boarding.

(b) Passengers are advised by D.T.C. through Public Address System at important terminals like Central Secretariat terminal and through special instructions displayed inside the bus, not to travel on foot-boards to avoid accidents. Similarly, they are also advised not to board or alight from the moving buses.

**Set up for new digital trunk automatic exchanges**

450. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new digital trunk automatic exchanges in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to set up 36 new digital trunk automatic exchanges in the country. Out of which 4 digital trunk automatic exchanges at Agra, Lucknow, Trichy and Rajkot have already been commissioned and the remaining 32 are likely to be commissioned during the 7th Plan.

**Postal and telecommunication facilities in Bihar**

451. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set up by the Government to open Post Offices, Village Post Offices and installation of new telephone exchanges and telegraph offices in Bihar during the current year;

(b) what was the target in this respect during the last financial year;

(c) whether the targets for the last financial year was fully achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) *Post Offices*: 55 post offices have been sanctioned under the current Annual Plan (1987-88) in the rural areas of the Southern Region of Bihar. The proposals in respect of the northern region of the Circle have not yet been finalised.

*Telephone exchanges*: The target for opening of new telephone exchanges in Bihar for 1987-88 is 29.

*Telegraph Offices*: 145 Long distance public telephones are targetted to be opened in Bihar during the current financial year. Telegraph